

TREATMENT OF ASTHMA

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Neonatal Silver Nitrate Prophylaxis

ASK THE WOMEN who work in the newborn nursery why they put silver nitrate in a baby's eyes. I bet you will find at least three fourths of them don't know why they do it. And if they don't know what that stuff is for, it is rather easy for them to forget. In the hassle of the delivery room with the mother in pain, or some bleeding going on or maybe somebody going into shock, they sometimes just forget to put it in. But, fortunately, this is a rare happening.

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